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1. EMBOFF MET OCTOBER 12 WITH Y.T. WONG, DIRECTOR OF BOFT, TO REVIEW MUSHROOM PROBLEM BEFORE WONG'S DEPARTURE OCTOBER 15 FOR U.S. HE WILL ATTEND SEMINAR IN LOS ANGELES ON ROC-US TRADE AND INVESTMENT BEFORE ARRIVING IN WASHINGTON OCTOBER 20 OR 21.

2. WONG STATED THAT ROC POSITION HAS NOT CHANGED SINCE MEETING OF OCTOBER 3. UNLESS KOREA IS WILLING TO AGREE THAT IN ANY ARRANGEMENT WHICH IS ULTIMATELY WORKED OUT THE ROC SHARE OF THE U.S. MARKET WILL BE MAINTAINED, THE ROC IS NOT PREPARED TO LIMIT VOLUNTARILY EXPORTS TO THE U.S. TO HIS KNOWLEDGE, KOREA STILL HAS NOT AGREED TO ACCEPT ROC POSITION.

3. IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION ABOUT ROC WILLINGNESS TO RESTRICT EXPORTS TO U.S. IF ISSUE WITH KOREA WERE RESOLVED, WONG AGAIN STATED THAT U.S. PROPOSAL OF SEPTEMBER 6 COULD FORM BASIS FOR NEGOTIATIONS. ONLY PROBLEM HE WOULD FORESEE IS GROWTH RATE FORMULA. IN HIS OPINION, 10 PERCENT GROWTH RATE FOR CY 1974 AND ENSUING YEARS WOULD BE ENTIRELY ACCEPTABLE TO ROC BUT HE IS NOT SURE U.S. FORMULA WOULD BE SATISFACTORY WITHOUT MODIFICATIONS.
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